

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
November 14, 2017

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 in the Kettering Conference Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:11 p.m.

Council Members Present included Mayor Patterson, Vice Mayor Scott, Mrs. Schrimpf, Mr. Wanamaker, Mr. Lautar and Mr. Klepacz. Mr. Duke had an excused absence.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Assistant Law Director Maggie Pasqualone, Assistant City Engineer John Sliemers, Community Information Manager Stacy Schweikhart, PRCA Director MaryBeth Thaman, Division Manager for Cultural Arts Shayna McConville and Economic Development Manager Gregg Gorsuch.

Also in attendance was Mr. Sterling Abernathy.

Montgomery County Environmental Services – Mr. Bergstresser reminded the Council members the Montgomery County Environmental Services will be making a presentation to Council tonight regarding the proposed water and sewer rate increases. This is a presentation not a public meeting as was misreported by one of the local news outlets. Mr. Bergstresser noted Mr. Tuss and Mr. Turnbull from the County will be giving the presentation.

Agenda Review – Mr. Bergstresser reviewed the agenda for this evening's meeting with the Council members.

Ohio Public Works Commission – Mr. Bergstresser stated funding was awarded from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for two joint projects between the City and Montgomery County Environmental Services (MCES). The projects include the Hilton/Glenbeck/Gaylord/West Water Main Replacement Project and the Waving Willow Water Main Replacement Project. The City's portion of the Hilton/Glenbeck/Gaylord/West project will include the street reconstruction of Hilton drive and the partial resurfacing of Glenbeck and Gaylord. The City's portion of the Waving Willow project will include storm sewer improvements and street resurfacing. MCES also received funding for a water main project in the Wenzler Park neighborhood, east of Ackerman and north of Stroop. Also, the Montgomery County Engineer received funding for the replacement of a County-owned bridge on Woodman Drive, between Wilmington Pike and East Stroop Road. Construction of all these projects will begin in late 2018 or early 2019.

Mr. Schwieterman arrived at the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Citizen Survey – Mrs. Schweikhart stated staff is preparing to work with Wright State University on the citizen survey. Staff will include a copy of the survey in the Friday packet. She noted a few questions have been removed and a few questions have been updated. It is expected results of the survey will be available early next year.

Purple Heart Community – Mr. Schwieterman stated he has met with individuals from the Purple Heart Community committee; they would like a proclamation from City Council declaring Kettering a Purple Heart Community. This is an effort being put forth by the National Purple Heart Trail Organization. Mr. Schwieterman noted the Organization would bring a color guard to the Council meeting and present the colors at the start of the Council meeting. Mr. Klepacz noted, in addition, we could hold some type of event for them at the Veteran's Plaza. The Council members were in favor of the request and directed staff to move forward.

Mrs. Schrimpf arrived at the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Senate Bill 331 (SB331) – Mr. Hamer gave an update on the status of the court cases pending in the common pleas courts of Franklin, Hamilton, Summit, Cuyahoga, and Lucas Counties regarding the constitutionality of Senate Bill 331. In the case being heard in the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, the decision in favor of the cities has been appealed. City Council approved additional funding of \$6,000 for Kettering's continued participation in that case.

Schantz Bridge Project – Ms. McConville presented a Power Point presentation on the public art project at the Schantz Bridge. She noted this public art project is being done in coordination with the replacement of the Schantz Road bridge capital improvement project. The bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2019. It is an ODOT requirement when the bridge is replaced that there is a vandal fence installed in the bridge. Ms. McConville displayed the project timeline for the Council members to review. 2019 is when the bridge reconstruction will take place coordinated with the art installation. She also reviewed the goals of the project, she noted the artwork should be visible day and night, have year around appeal, be a signature piece for the community, enhance the experience of transit riders and residents of the neighborhood and should appeal to a mass audience. Ms. McConville reviewed the semi-finalist proposals with the Council members. Ms. McConville the stated the Art in Public Places Committee has recommended artist Vicki Scuri for this project, she then displayed the art piece Ms. Scuri submitted for the Council members to review. Mr. Lautar asked if there is anything involved with the art project that would make the cost of the basic bridge higher. Ms. McConville said no the bridge structure would be the same with or without the art work. Mr. Bergstresser said that is correct no additional cost for the bridge would be incurred because of the art project. Next Ms. McConville reviewed the project budget with Council. The overall budget for the project is \$250,000, she noted this is a ballpark budget based on cost estimates for similar work; the project does not bid until 2019 so costs could vary. The scope of the project will be adjusted to meet the proposed overall project budget based on the successful bid. Mr. Bergstresser said if the Council members are OK with the proposal staff will move forward with contract negotiations with Ms.

Scuri. Mayor Patterson said he is OK with it as long as the project stays within budget, the other Council members agreed.

Budget Book – Mr. Schwieterman noted the budget books will be available on Wednesday the week of Thanksgiving. And he reminded everyone the two Council meetings in December are scheduled for December 5th and December 19th.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

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